

## Essence of Bhagavad-gītā

*dhṛtarāṣṭra uvāca*

***dharma-kṣetre kuru-kṣetre, samavetā yuyutsavaḥ  
māmakāḥ pāṇḍavāś caiva, kim akurvata sañjaya***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 1.1)

Dhṛtarāṣṭra said: O Sañjaya, what did my sons and the sons of Pāṇḍu do, having assembled at the sacred land of Kurukṣetra, desiring to fight?

***aham sarvasya prabhavo, mattaḥ sarvaṁ pravartate  
iti matvā bhajante mām, budhā bhāva-samanvitāḥ***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 10.8)

I am the source of both mundane and spiritual worlds. Everything emanates from Me. The wise who know this well engage in My *bhajana* with *bhāva* in their hearts.

***mac-cittā mad-gata-prāṇā, bodhayantaḥ parasparam  
kathayantaś ca mām nityaṁ, tuṣyanti ca ramanti ca***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 10.9)

Those whose minds are absorbed in Me and whose lives are wholeheartedly devoted to My service derive great satisfaction and bliss from constantly enlightening one another about My *tattva* and performing *kīrtana* of My *nāma*, *rūpa*, *guṇa* and *līlā*.

***teṣāṁ satata-yuktānāṁ, bhajatāṁ prīti-pūrvakam  
dadāmi buddhi-yogaṁ taṁ, yena mām upayānti te***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 10.10)

Upon those who perform *bhajana* to Me with love, yearning for My eternal association, I bestow the transcendental knowledge by which they can come to Me.

***teṣāṁ evānukampārtham, aham ajñāna-jaṁ tamaḥ  
nāśayāmy ātma-bhāva-stho, jñāna-dīpena bhāsvatā***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 10.11)

Only out of compassion for these *ananya-bhaktas* do I, dwelling within the core of their hearts, destroy, with the blazing lamp of transcendental knowledge, the darkness of *samsāra*, born of ignorance.

***man-manā bhava mad-bhakto, mad-yājī mām namaskuru  
mām evaiṣyasi satyaṁ te, pratijāne priyo 'si me***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 18.65)

Offer your mind to Me; become My *bhakta* by hearing and chanting, etc. about My names, forms, qualities and pastimes; worship Me and offer obeisances to Me. In this way, you will certainly

come to Me. I promise you this truthfully because you are very dear to Me.

***sarva-dharmān parityajya, mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja  
ahaṁ tvām sarva-pāpebhyo, mokṣayiṣyāmi mā śucaḥ***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 18.66)

Completely abandoning all bodily and mental *dharma*, such as *varṇa* and *āśrama*, fully surrender to Me alone. I shall liberate you from all reactions to your sins. Do not grieve.

***yatra yogeśvaraḥ kṛṣṇo, yatra pāṛtho dhanur-dharaḥ  
tatra śrīr vijayo bhūtir, dhruvā nītir matir mama***

(Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā 18.78)

Wherever there is Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the master of all *yoga*, and wherever there is Pāṛtha, the wielder of the bow, there will surely be opulence, victory, prosperity and righteousness. This is My definite opinion.

***sarvopaniṣado gāvo  
dogdhā gopāla-nandanaḥ  
pāṛtho vatsaḥ su-dhīr bhoktā  
dugdham gītāmṛtaṁ mahat***

(Gītā-māhātmya 6)

This *Gītupaniṣad*, *Bhagavad-gītā*, the essence of all the *Upaniṣads*, is just like a cow, and Lord Kṛṣṇa, who is famous as a cowherd boy, is milking this cow. Arjuna is just like a calf, and learned scholars and pure devotees are to drink the nectarean milk of *Bhagavad-gītā*.

***ekaṁ śāstraṁ devakī-putra-gītaṁ  
eko devo devakī-putra eva  
eko mantras tasya nāmāni yāni  
karmāpy ekaṁ tasya devasya sevā***

(Gītā-māhātmya 7)

There need be only one holy scripture—the divine *Gītā* sung by Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa; only one worshipable Lord—Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa; only one *mantra*—His holy names (Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare, Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare); and only one duty—devotional service unto that Supreme Worshipable Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa.